



- In 2011, 18 motorcyclists were killed in traffic crashes compared to 8 in 2010.
- 4 of the motorcycle operators were under the influence of alcohol.
- 6 of the motorcyclists were wearing helmets.
- 7 of the 18 motorcycle deaths occurred in June.
- In 2010, 282 people were injured in motorcycle crashes. That was 4% of all injuries from vehicle crashes.
- 79% of all motorcycle crashes involve some sort of injury.
- In 2011's fatal motorcycle crashes, State Police say 13 of the 18 were error on the part of the motorcycle operator that resulted in the fatal crash. Primary contributing factors were failed to negotiate curve, speeding, drifting over center line or off roadway, and loss of control of the motorcycle.
- The average age of motorcyclists killed in Delaware is over the age of 46.
- In 2011 55% of the riders involved in fatal crashes were on touring bikes.
- High crash areas for motorcyclists in 2011 included: Bridgeville, Milford, Dover, Georgetown, Bridgeville, Middletown, Smyrna, Newark, Rts. 4, 72, 273, I-495, I-95.
- Drivers of passenger vehicles should actively scan for motorcyclists and give them proper space and passing room.
- Motorcyclists should remember to wear appropriate safety gear, never pass between vehicles or on the shoulder, and never ride side by side with another motorcyclist in the same lane.